

2008 Potential Study Items

For the Government Operations Interim Committee

From SJR 11 Master Study Resolution

Election Law

- _____ **52. Election Code Changes** - to study changes to election code law suggested by county clerks. (Knudson)
- _____ **53. Election Law Clean Up** - to study clean-up provisions suggested by the Lt. Governor's Office. (Donnelson)
- _____ **54. Election Reforms** - to study reforms to state election law (H.B. 175). (Hansen)
- _____ **55. Election Results Audit** - to study an independent audit of election results (H.B. 404). (Hansen)
- _____ **56. Electronic State Reports** - to study having most or all state-mandated and non-mandated reports produced by state agencies produced in electronic form, only to save on state paper costs. (Julie Fisher)
- _____ **63. Municipal Elections Equipment** - to study utilizing electronic voting machines in municipal elections. (Knudson)
- _____ **64. Neutrality of Poll Workers** - to study ways to ensure that poll workers do not display an affiliation with any candidate, political party, political issue, corporation, or advocacy organization (H.B. 338). (Donnelson, Chavez-Houck)
- _____ **67. Presidential Election Compact** - to study a compact agreement among the states to elect the U.S. President by national popular vote (H.B. 283). (Hansen)
- _____ **69. Special District Elections** - to study placing special district elections on the same ballot as regular elections. (Aagard)
- _____ **72. Voter Registration** - to study election day voter registration (H.B. 317). (Hansen)

Campaign/Ethics Reform

- _____ **50. Campaign Finance Reporting** - to study and evaluate the value of assessing an administrative fee for campaign finance reports. (Allen)
- _____ **57. Ethics Reform** - to study ethics reform, gifts, and campaign fund use. (Holdaway; Bird submitted general "ethics" request)
- _____ **58. Ethics Study** - to study gifts received by legislators who should be responsible for recording the receipt of gifts, complete transparency to the public, and the use of campaign funds, including whether they should only be used on expenses associated with a political campaign. (Mascaro; Bird submitted general "ethics" request)
- _____ **61. Legislative Ethics** - to study and define "expenditure of campaign funds," "conflict

of interest," and "legislative gifts." (Brown; Bird submitted general "ethics" request)

- _____ **62. Legislative Ethics Reform** - to study expenditure of campaign donations, promoting legislative action that is a financial conflict of interest, and investigating alleged ethics violations. (Allen; Bird submitted general "ethics" request)

Personnel

- _____ **60. Human Resources** - to study revising the state Human Resources statutes. (D. Clark)
- _____ **71. State Per Diem** - to study standardized per diem requirements for all state agencies. (Donnelson)

Public Notices and Public Meetings

- _____ **66. Open and Public Meetings Act** - to study coordinating GRAMA with the Open and Public Meetings Act. (Donnelson)
- _____ **68. Public Notices on the Web** - to study a public notice website for legal and all other government notices. (Stowell)

Other Government

- _____ **51. Disaster Recovery Funding** - to study funding issues related to the Disaster Recovery Funding Act (Title 53, Chapter 2, Part 4). (Oda)
- _____ **157. Disaster Fund Participation** - to study whether local districts and special service districts should be authorized to participate in the state's disaster funding program (Title 53, Chapter 2, Part 4). (Oda)
- _____ **65. Ombudsman** - to study ways to better inform, investigate, and mediate to assist citizens and agencies to resolve disputes. (Aagard)
- _____ **70. State Lands Acquisition** - to study establishing a State Lands Acquisition Agency to purchase land for public purposes. (Curtis)
- _____ **59. Expired Gift Certificates** - to study treating expired gift certificates as unclaimed property. (Hillyard)

Other Suggested Items:

- _____ **a. Initiative and Referendum Ballot Titles** - to study drafting of ballot titles for initiatives and referenda. (Stephenson)
- _____ **c.**
- _____ **d.**
- _____ **e.**